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SECOND AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated November 9, 2007 and the Advisory Action dated January 31, 2008, finally rejecting claims 1, 3, 11-13, 15, 21, and 23, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 13 of this paper.